BEFORE THE BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:)))	File No. 1B-2008-192098
RANDOLPH NORDYKE, D.P.M.)	
Doctor of Podiatric Medicine)	
License No. E 4245)	
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Respondent.	_)	

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DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby accepted and adopted by the Board of Podiatric Medicine of the Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 8, 2011

DATED March 9, 2011

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

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10	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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12	In the Matter of the First Amended Accusation	Case No. 1B-2008-192098		
13	Against:	OAH No. 2010020525		
14	RANDOLPH NORDYKE, D.P.M.			
15	4080 Loma Vista Road, Suite D Ventura, California 93003	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
16	Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E4245,			
17 18	Respondent.			
19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGI	REED by and between the parties to the above-		
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21	PARTIES			
22	James Rathlesberger (Complainant)	is the Executive Officer of the California Board		
23	of Podiatric Medicine. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in			
24	this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Abraham M.			
25	Levy, Deputy Attorney General.			
26	2. Respondent RANDOLPH NORDYKE, D.P.M. (Respondent) is represented in this			
27	proceeding by attorney C. Keith Greer, Esq., whose address is 16787 Bernardo Center Drive,			
28	Suite 14 San Diego, CA 92128			
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3. On or about December 14, 1999, the Board issued Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E4245 to Randolph Nordyke ("Respondent"). The license is current, valid and will expire on October 31, 2011, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. First Amended Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098 was filed before the Board of Podiatric Medicine (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The First Amended Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 28, 2010. Respondent had timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the allegations contained in Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098. A copy of First Amended Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in First Amended Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the First Amended Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

- 8. For the purpose of resolving the allegations in First Amended Accusation No.1B-2008-192098 without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could present a *prima facie* case establishing the factual basis for each of the allegations contained therein. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.
- 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations contained in First Amended Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E4245. Respondent agrees that his Certificate is subject to such discipline and agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of same as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.
- 10. Respondent further agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or reinstatement of his license, or if he ever petitions for revocation of probation, all of the charges and allegations contained in the First Amended Accusation identified above shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of that proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving respondent in the State of California or elsewhere.

<u>RESERVATION</u>

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Podiatric Medicine or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Podiatric Medicine may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek

to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E4245 issued to Randolph Nordyke (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping, at respondent's expense, approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Failure to successfully complete the course during the first 6 months of probation is a violation of probation. A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the First Amended Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision. Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.
- 2. NOTIFICATION Prior to engaging in the practice of medicine the respondent shall provide a true copy of the Decision(s) and First Amended Accusation(s) to the Chief of Staff

or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to respondent, at any other facility where respondent engages in the practice of podiatric medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days. This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 3. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS Prior to receiving assistance from a physician assistant, respondent must notify the supervising physician of the terms and conditions of his/her probation.
- 4. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of podiatric medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.
- 5. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.
- 6. PROBATION UNIT COMPLIANCE Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit. Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of respondent's business and residence addresses. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b). Respondent shall not engage in the practice of podiatric medicine in respondent's place of residence. Respondent shall, maintain a current and renewed California doctor of podiatric medicine's license. Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) calendar days.

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- 7. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE Respondent shall be available in person for interviews either at respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and either with or without notice throughout the term of probation.
- RESIDING OR PRACTICING OUT-OF-STATE In the event respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty calendar days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in section 2472 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program outside the State of California which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall be considered as time spent in the practice of medicine within the State. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice. Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term Periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California will relieve respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Law; Probation Unit Compliance; and Cost Recovery. Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if respondent's periods of temporary or permanent residence or practice outside California totals two years. However, respondent's license shall not be cancelled as long as respondent is residing and practicing podiatric medicine in another state of the United States and is on active probation with the medical licensing authority of that state, in which case the two year period shall begin on the date probation is completed or terminated in that state.
- 9. FAILURE TO PRACTICE PODIATRIC MEDICINE CALIFORNIA RESIDENT In the event the respondent resides in the State of California and for any reason respondent stops practicing podiatric medicine in California, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 30 calendar days prior to the dates of nonpractice and return to practice. Any period of non-practice within California, as defined in this condition, will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term and does not relieve respondent of the responsibility to

comply with the terms and conditions of probation. Non-practice is defined as any period of time exceeding thirty calendar days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in section 2472 of the Business and Professions Code. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall be considered time spent in the practice of medicine. For purposes of this condition, non-practice due to a Board-ordered suspension or in compliance with any other condition of probation, shall not be considered a period of non-practice. Respondent's license shall be automatically cancelled if respondent resides in California and for a total of two years, fails to engage in California in any of the activities described in Business and Professions Code section 2472.

- 10. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., cost recovery, restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, respondent's certificate will be fully restored.
- VIOLATION OF PROBATION Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Decision or other period agreed to by the Board or its designee, respondent shall reimburse the Board the amount of \$5000.00 for its investigative and prosecution costs. The filing of bankruptcy or period of non-practice by respondent shall not relieve the respondent of his/her obligation to reimburse the Board for its costs. This amount shall be paid in quarterly increments within 48 months of this decision.
- 13. LICENSE SURRENDER Following the effective date of this Decision, if respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the

terms and conditions of probation, respondent may request the voluntary surrender of respondent's license. The Board reserves the right to evaluate the respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and respondent shall no longer practice podiatric medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation and the surrender of respondent's license shall be deemed disciplinary action. If respondent re-applies for a podiatric medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

- 14. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Board of Podiatric Medicine and delivered to the Board or its designee within 60 days after the start of the new fiscal year. Failure to pay costs within 30 calendar days of this date is a violation of probation.
- 15. NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES Respondent shall, upon or before the effective date of this Decision, post or circulate a notice which actually recites the offenses for which respondent has been disciplined and the terms and conditions of probation, to all employees involved in his/her practice. Within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Decision, respondent shall cause his/her employees to report to the BPM in writing, acknowledging the employees have read the Accusation and Decision in the case and understand respondent's terms and conditions of probation.
- 16. CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT Respondent shall notify the BPM in writing, through the assigned probation officer, of any and all changes of employment, location, and address within thirty (30) days of such change.
- 17. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIRED CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION Respondent shall submit satisfactory proof biennially to the BPM of compliance with the requirement to complete fifty hours of approved continuing medical education, and meet continuing competence requirements for re-licensure during each two (2) year renewal period.

ACCEPTANCE 1 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully 2 discussed it with my attorney, C. Keith Greer, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it 3 will have on my podiatric medicine certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and 4 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the 5 Decision and Order of the Board of Podiatric Medicine of California. 6 7 DATED: 8 RANDOLPH NORDYKE, D.P.M. 9 Respondent I have read and fully discussed with Respondent RANDOLPH NORDYKE, D.P.M. the 10 terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and 11 Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content. 12 13 C. Keith Greer, Esq. 14 Attorney for Respondent 15 **ENDORSEMENT** 16 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 17 submitted for consideration by the California Board of Podiatric Medicine of the Department of 18 Consumer Affairs. 19 20 Dated: 2 - 9 - 11Respectfully Submitted, 21 KAMALA D. HARRIŞ Attorney General of Callifornia 22 23 24 Deputy Attorney General 25 Attorneys for Complainant 26

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Exhibit A

First Amended Accusation No. 1B-2008-192098

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Ventura, California 93003

Podiatric Medicine Certificate No. E4245,

Respondent.

Case No. 1B-2008-192098

OAH No. 2010020525

FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION

Complainant alleges:

PARTIES

- 1. James Rathlesberger (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Podiatric Medicine, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).
- 2. On or about December 14, 1999, the Board issued Podiatric Medicine
 Certificate Number E4245 to Randolph Nordyke (Respondent). The Podiatric Medicine
 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2011, unless renewed.

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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2222 of the Code provides that the California Board of Podiatric Medicine shall enforce and administer Article 12 (sections 2220 et seq., found in chapter 5 of division 2 of the Code) as to doctors of podiatric medicine and that any acts of unprofessional conduct or other violations proscribed by the Medical Practice Act are applicable to licensed doctors of podiatric medicine. Section 2222 further provides that wherever the Medical Quality Hearing Panel established under Government Code section 11371 is vested with the authority to enforce and carry out the Medical Practice Act as to licensed physicians and surgeons, the Medical Quality Hearing Panel also possesses the same authority as to licensed doctors of podiatric medicine.
- 5. Section 2497(a) of the Code provides that "[t]he board may order the denial of an application for, or the suspension of, or the revocation of, or the imposition of probationary conditions upon, a certificate to practice podiatric medicine for any of the causes set forth in Article 12 (commencing with Section 2220) in accordance with Section 2222."
 - 6. Section 2234 of the Code states:

"The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(b) Gross negligence.
- "(c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.
 - "(1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically

appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

- "(2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.
 - "(d) Incompetence.

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- 7. Section 2266 of the Code states: "The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct."
- 8. Sections 2497.5 and 125.3 of the Code provide, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINE

9. Respondent is subject to discipline as a result of his care and treatment of two patients: J.B. and G.L.

Patient J.B.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

- Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (b) of the Code for his care and treatment of patient J.B. The circumstances are as follows:
- 11. On November 2, 2007 patient J.B. initially saw respondent complaining of foot pain in order to discuss the possibility of cryosurgery, a type of surgical procedure which

freezes the nerves that provide sensation to the heel. Respondent diagnosed patient with plantar fasciitis (neurogenic); Equinus, Sinus Tarsitis. He recommended cryotheraphy medical calcaneal nerve treatment, plantar medial tubercle, sinus tarsi, and injection to the lateral side of the peroneals. On November 2, 2007 J.B. underwent the cryosurgical procedure. Respondent's operative report lists that the following medications were injected into patient: 2% Lidocaine and .5 % Marcaine to the medial and lateral calcaneal nerves, and .5 cc Kenalog 40 and .5 cc 4%Alcohol in Marcaine to each area. The last line reads. "She was to follow up next week."

- During the cryosurgery procedure an unlicenced staff member held the 12. cryosurgery probe in J.B.'s foot while Respondent left the room.
- Having an unlicenced staff member assistant hold the probe represents an 13. extreme departure from the standard of care. Accordingly, Respondent is subject to discipline.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Repeated Negligent Acts)

- Complainant repeats paragraphs 10 through 13 above as if fully 14. incorporated herein. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (c) of the Code for committing repeated negligent acts.
- Respondent failed to obtain from J.B. a signed informed consent form 15. prior to performing the cryosurgery surgical procedure. This failure represents a simple departure from the standard of care.
- Respondent also failed to list the surgeon, indications for the procedure or 16. the diagnosis in his operative report. This failure represents a simple departure from the standard of care.
- Further, Respondent failed to sign the report. Such failure represents a 17. simple departure from the standard of care. As a result Respondent is subject to discipline.

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1. http://www.podiatrytoday.com/article/7883 ("Case Studies in Cryosurgery for Heel Pain") retrieved December 22, 2009.

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THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Medical Records 2266)

- 18. Complainant repeats paragraphs 10 through 17 above as if fully incorporated herein.
- 19. Respondent failed to maintain adequate and accurate medical records with regards to his treatment of J.B. and his performance of surgery on J.B in violation of Code Section 2266.

Patient G.L.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Repeated Negligent Acts)

- 20. Respondent is also subject to disciplinary action under section 2234, subdivision (c) of the Code for committing repeated negligent acts in his care and treatment of patient G.L. The facts and circumstances of this matter are as follows:
- On December 10, 2007, patient G.L. presented with plantar warts and 21. Respondent treated the patient with debridement and Cantherone. G.L. continued to complain of lateral foot pain. Respondent ordered X-rays which revealed no fracture. On June 3, 2008, Respondent examined G.L. Respondent indicated that he suspected that G.L. suffered from periostitis as opposed to a stress fracture. G.L. was placed into Unna boot and cam walker. Respondent performed an injection but did not identify the medications he injected into G.L in his report. On June 12, 2008, G.L. returned and complained that there was no improvement to his left foot, and he had pain in sinus tarsi. He again injected G.L.'s foot but did not indicate the medication he injected. At his June 26, 2008 appointment G.L. was concerned that the skin was either infected or dying. Respondent recommended that G.L. undergo a second opinion. Respondent ordered an MRI and commented as follows: "MRI ordered to alleviate some of the spheres of which I told him I do not think that there is any long time sequelae and he should be fine to get back to his activities." Respondent felt that G.L. suffered from mild eczema. G.L. underwent an MRI at Grossman Imaging Center on July 1, 2008 and no abnormality was noted. On July 10, 2008, G.L. brought in an anatomical chart to show Respondent the anatomy and help

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Podiatric Medicine issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Podiatric Medicine Certificate Number E4245, issued to Randolph Nordyke;
- 2. Ordering him to pay the Board of Podiatric Medicine the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2497.5;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: April 28, 2010

JAMES RATHLESBERGER

Executive Officer

Board of Podiatric Medicine

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California

Complainant